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In re Application of:

Doerr et al.

Application No. 09/771,430

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For: HANG TAG AND METHOD OF
APPLYING HANG TAG TO AN
ELONGATED OBJECT

DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 OF CHRISTOPHER DOERR

I, Christopher Doerr, do hereby declare:

1. I am a named co-inventor of the subject matter disclosed and claimed in the instant application.

2. The actual conception of the present invention is prior to June 10, 1998. Exhibit A to this declaration is a true and accurate copy of a letter I faxed prior to June 10, 1998 to Robert J. Voss ("Mr. Voss") of Panduit Corporation, who is also a co-inventor in the instant application, asking him to outline what shape hole would be needed in the hang tag to accommodate the semi-automatic cable tie tool. Exhibit B to this declaration is a true and accurate copy of the same letter, which Mr. Voss faxed back to me further containing his hand-written annotations illustrating the hang tag having a slot with dimensions of 0.3125 inches by 1.12 inches. Mr. Voss's annotations were made prior to June 10, 1998.

3. The actual reduction to practice of the present invention is also prior to June 10, 1998. Exhibit C is a true and accurate copy of three tags which were actually made, subsequent to the fax communications found in Exhibits A and B. The tags of Exhibit C have a slot with dimensions of about 0.3125 inches by about 1.25 inches. The production of these tags occurred prior to June 10, 1998.

4. I am informed that in accordance with MPEP 715.07, all date entries have been redacted from Exhibits A, B and C.

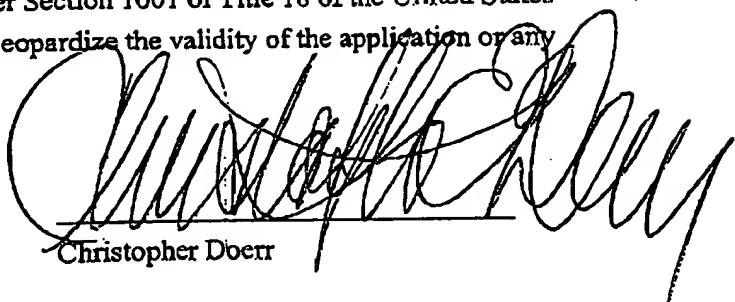
5. I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true, that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true, and further that these

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statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Date:

10/21/03


Christopher Doerr